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THINK AUTONOMOUS

Message from the **Director** **Jonathan Beck**



APRIL 2022

Drone Safety Day - June 18, 2022

Drone technologies continue to spark the imagination, creating innovation and amazing career opportunities across a wide range of industries. NCAT is proud to be partnering with the FAA for the first official Drone Safety Day being held June 18, 2022. Drone Safety Day will highlight five topic areas including: education, equity, economics, emergencies, and environment. Drone Safety Day will be a community celebration recognizing a wide variety of activities from organizations across the country. As of January 2022, this community includes over 860,000 drones registered with the FAA, and over 260,000 FAA certified Remote Pilots. Learn more about the "Fly RIGHT" safety message for Drone Safety Day at ncatech.org/about-drone-day

GM Automotive Service Educational Program

Another area of growth for autonomous technologies is the demand for technicians in the automotive industry. Technician demands are increasing and employers are working on ways to close the workforce gaps. Macomb College has partnered with General Motors and a network of over 70 colleges nationwide through the Automotive Service Educational Program. Schools receive the latest equipment, specialized training and classroom materials. Students are sponsored by a repair facility and are provided the real-world paid work experience as part of their educational program. This is a great example of education and industry partnerships that enhance student learning experiences and help address the need

for the skilled technical workforce in critical industries driving our nation's economy.

Inspiring the Future Workforce

Recruiting talent and generating awareness of opportunities in the skilled technical workforce is critical. In the April newsletter, you hear inspiring stories from individuals like Josh Bixler from Flite Test. Flite Test started in a garage and has now become a resource center serving more than 1,500 educators and their students with opportunities to learn about aviation and flight.

On August 10-14, 2022, NCAT along with partners will host EXPERIENCE STEAM, a large-scale STEAM outreach event at Mall of America for their 30th Birthday Celebration. This event will include academic partners from both NSF and Minnesota State Colleges & Universities. Mall of America has an average daily attendance of 100,000+ and over 1 million social media followers across all platforms. This is an amazing opportunity to meet people where they are at, to explore educational programs and pathways to the skilled technical workforce.



SAVE THE DATE

EXPERIENCE **STEAM**

[advanced technological education]

In conjunction with MOA 30th Birthday celebration.

Mall of America - Bloomington, MN

AUGUST 10-14, 2022

Additional details to follow.
ncatech.org/experience-steam



What's Your Story? 

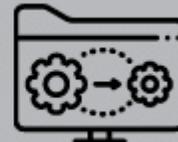
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This is Josh Bixler's Story

Josh Bixler, President - Flite Test

Center Activities





DRONE SAFETY DAY

— JUNE 18, 2022 —

In 2019, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) organized "National Drone Safety Awareness Week" which was hosted annually until 2021. This year, the FAA is evolving their approach with **ONE** Drone Safety Day.

Drone Safety Day topic areas include:

- Education
- Equity
- Economics
- Emergencies
- Environment

The NCAT website is the host for Drone Safety Day and will include a complete list of events, resources, and Drone Safety Day information. If you plan on hosting an event for Drone Safety Day, make sure to submit the information at ncatech.org/drone-day-host.

» [Learn More](#)



NCAT Lending Program Provides Louisiana Students with Access to Drones

A rural Louisiana High School was in search of a way to incorporate drones into the classroom, without the added expense. Through **NCAT's Lending Library** program, Lea Ann Fisher from Northwood High School in Alexandria, Louisiana was able to provide her students with the opportunity to work with drones.

[» Learn More](#)

UAS-CTI School Spotlight





HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Institution Fun Fact

Thomas Nelson serves a region that is home for many military service members and their families. In Academic Year 20-21, 24.6% of Thomas Nelson credit students indicated a military affiliation (e.g., active-duty, veteran, military spouse, or military dependent).

Offerings

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Flight Technician Certificate

UAS Program Info

The 19-credit sUAS Flight Technician Certificate program teaches students manual flight skills and how to legally fly in a commercial operation. Knowledge of the safe and legal operation of an unmanned aircraft and the collection of imagery for customers is on the forefront of employer demand for many new and emerging fields. This program develops these competencies and allows participants to succeed in this challenging and demanding field.

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New FREE Resources!



TUTORIAL

Fundamentals of Remote Sensing

This tutorial on remote sensing technology and applications is designed primarily for late high school or early college students. Some previous exposure to science, mathematics, and environmental studies is a definite advantage.

[View Curriculum](#)

Developed by:  CRSS·SCT

MODULE**Fundamentals of
LiDAR Technologies**

This 45-page resource is an educational module that provides theoretical knowledge about the growing technology of LiDAR. The module can be embedded in courses related to photonics, electronics, advanced manufacturing, mechatronics, robotics, micro- and nano-technology, and more.

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COURSE

Exploring Our World Through Geospatial Technology

This all-online, face-to-face, or hybrid exploratory course introduces students to the fundamental concepts of Geospatial Science and how Geospatial Technology is used to measure, imagine, study, and discover our ever-changing human and natural world.

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Developed by:  **WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY**

Upcoming Events





**6-10
JUN**

Virtual Event

GeoEd'22

Check out the presentation line-up for this week-long
FREE event presented by the GeoTECH Center.



**JUN
2022**



Minnesota ACE Camp

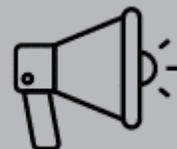
**Bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace,
helping students visualize themselves in a variety of aviation
and aerospace careers.**

**21-22
JUN**
Selden, NY

Electric Drive Vehicles Technology Professional Development

Workshop designed to provide fundamentals of electric-drive vehicle drivetrain configurations, energy storage systems, power electronics, electric machines and autonomous driving.

Industry News





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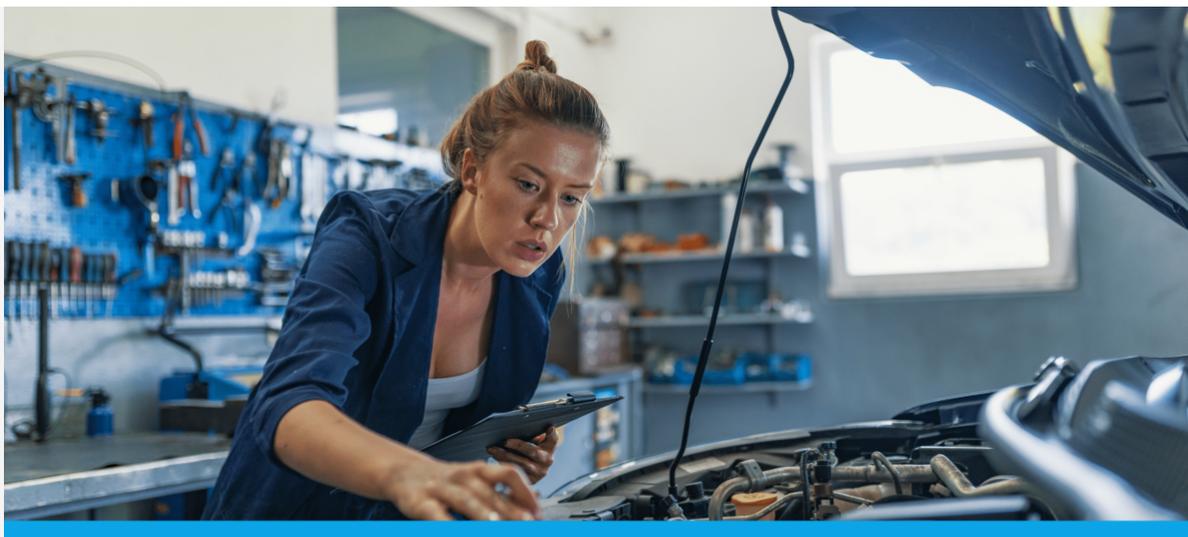
JOURNAL OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Journal of Advanced Technological Education (JATE) is a peer-reviewed technical journal produced by the ATE community. JATE is a platform for educators who are interested in teaching advanced technologies and technician education. This includes 2-year community college faculty, undergraduate researchers, STEM educators in grades K-12, university faculty, as well as industry personnel.

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Student Opportunities





Macomb Community College & GM Automotive Service Educational Program

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES | APR 2022

Macomb Community College is seeking applicants to begin training that will lead to a career as an Automotive Service Technician. This program includes exposure to new and future products as well as repair facilities operations.

The program is designed to produce highly trained technicians who can service and maintain the sophisticated electronic and mechanical systems included in all new vehicle products.

As a cooperative educational experience, students will spend a portion of their course time in automotive technical classes and in the sponsoring repair facilities, gaining real-world work experience.



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**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
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FOR EDUCATORS

- SECONDARY
- 2-OR-4-YEAR FACULTY
- TECHNICIAN EDUCATION

[NCATECH.ORG/PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT](https://ncatech.org/professional-development)





Up-Skill Your Workforce Today with TechCred

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES | APR 2022

TechCred helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy. Many of the approved trainings can be completed online, take a year or less to complete, and prepare current and future employees for the technology jobs Ohio employers need.

If you are an employer looking to advance your employee's skills and live in the state of Ohio, the Ohio TechCred program is a great opportunity for your company to take advantage of. Employers can apply for reimbursement for up to \$2,000 per credential and receive up to \$30,000 per funding round!

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